

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6557–S6593

Measures Introduced: Twenty-five bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2766–2790, and S. Res. 372–376. **Pages S6585–86**

Measures Reported:

S. 1543, to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide best practices on student suicide awareness and prevention training and condition State educational agencies, local educational agencies, and tribal educational agencies receiving funds under section 520A of such Act to establish and implement a school-based student suicide awareness and prevention training policy, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 2425, to amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure the provision of high-quality service through the Suicide Prevention Lifeline, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S6585**

Measures Passed:

Gold Star Families Remembrance Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 376, designating the week of September 19 through September 25, 2021, as “Gold Star Families Remembrance Week”. **Page S6593**

Motion To Discharge Chopra Nomination: Pursuant to S. Res. 27, Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs being tied on the question of reporting, the Majority Leader made the motion to discharge the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs from further consideration of the nomination of Rohit Chopra, of the District of Columbia, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection. **Pages S6567–79**

By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. EX. 369), Senate agreed to the motion to discharge the nomination from the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Subsequently, the nomination was placed on the Executive Calendar pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 27, relative to Senate procedure in the 117th Congress. **Page S6579**

Bianchi Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Sarah Bianchi, of Virginia, to be Deputy United States Trade Rep-

resentative (Asia, Africa, Investment, Services, Textiles, and Industrial Competitiveness), with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S6579**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur on Thursday, September 23, 2021. **Page S6579**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6579**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6579**

Kritenbrink Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Daniel J. Kritenbrink, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs). **Page S6579**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Sarah Bianchi, of Virginia, to be Deputy United States Trade Representative (Asia, Africa, Investment, Services, Textiles, and Industrial Competitiveness), with the rank of Ambassador. **Page S6579**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6579**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6579**

Donfried Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Karen Erika Donfried, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European Affairs and Eurasian Affairs). **Pages S6579–80**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Daniel J. Kritenbrink, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (East Asian and Pacific Affairs). **Page S6580**

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6579**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6579**

Medina Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Monica P. Medina, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. **Page S6580**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Karen Erika Donfried, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European Affairs and Eurasian Affairs).

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Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6580**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6580**

Phee Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs). **Page S6580**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Monica P. Medina, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. **Page S6580**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6580**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6580**

Robinson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs). **Page S6580**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Mary Catherine Phee, of Illinois, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs). **Page S6580**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6580**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6580**

Lewis Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Jessica Lewis, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Political-Military Affairs). **Pages S6580–81**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Todd D. Robinson, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs).

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S6580**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S6580**

Batchelder and White Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, following the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Lily Lawrence Batchelder, of Massachusetts, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Senate immediately vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Jayme Ray White, of Washington, to be a Deputy United States Trade Representative (Western Hemisphere, Europe, the Middle East, Labor, and Environment); and that if cloture is invoked on either of the nominations, all post-cloture time expire at 2:45 p.m., on Wednesday, September 21, 2021, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nominations in the order in which cloture was invoked. **Page S6593**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 52 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 368), Margaret Irene Strickland, of New Mexico, to be United States District Judge for the District of New Mexico.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 46 nays (Vote No. EX. 367), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S6563**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Carla Ravi Koppell, of New York, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Rohit Chopra, of the District of Columbia, to be Director, Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection for a term of five years, which was sent to the Senate on February 13, 2021, from the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. Page S6593

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—369) Pages S6563, S6565–66, S6579

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m. and recessed at 7:17 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 22, 2021. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6593.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on Department of Defense support of Afghan Nationals who have recently left Afghanistan from Colin J. Kahl, Under Secretary for Policy, Michael J. McCord, Under Secretary (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer, and Rear Admiral Marc J. Miguez, USN, Deputy Director for Operations, J3, Joint Staff, all of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Alan F. Estevez, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Industry and Security, and Thea

D. Rozman Kendler, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Secretary, both of the Department of Commerce, and Alexia Marie Gabrielle Latortue, of the District of Columbia, and Graham Scott Steele, of California, both to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TRAVEL AND TOURISM

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Tourism, Trade, and Export Promotion concluded a hearing to examine legislative solutions to revive travel and tourism and create jobs, after receiving testimony from Tori Emerson Barnes, U.S. Travel Association, Christopher R. Bidwell, Airports Council International—North America, and Chirag Shah, American Hotel and Lodging Association, all of Washington, D.C.; and Suzanne Neufang, Global Business Travel Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Laura Daniel-Davis, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary, and M. Camille Calimlim Touton, of Nevada, to be Commissioner of Reclamation, who was introduced by Senator Cortez Masto, both of the Department of the Interior, and Sara C. Bronin, of Connecticut, to be Chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, who was introduced by Senators Blumenthal and Murphy, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

POLICY OPTIONS FOR IMPROVING SSI

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Social Security, Pensions, and Family Policy concluded a hearing to examine policy options for improving Supplemental Security Income, including ongoing challenges with work incentives and improper payments, after receiving testimony from Elizabeth H. Curda, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, Government Accountability Office; Stephen G. Evangelista, Acting Deputy Commissioner for Retirement and Disability Policy, Social Security Administration; and Mia Ives-Rublee, Director, Center for American Progress, and Kathleen Romig, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, both of Washington, D.C.

20 YEARS AFTER 9/11

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the landscape 20 years after 9/11, focusing on threats to the homeland, after receiving testimony from Alejandro N. Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security; Christopher A. Wray, Director, Federal Bureau